

REMARKS

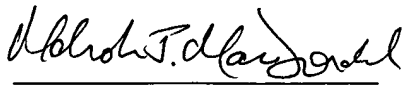
Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In furtherance thereof, Applicant has combined the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 3, as indicated in amended claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 have been canceled.

It is believed by the Applicant, therefore, that the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been obviated, since of the claims in the application now ultimately depend from claim 1, as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully urged.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain that can be clarified by telephone, Examiner Gorman is encouraged to contact Applicant's Representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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